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## **The View from the Top: Largest San Antonio BRAC Project Reaches New Heights, Site Workers to More than Double**

- WHAT:** The Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) project to expand Brooke Army Medical Center is moving into an accelerated phase of construction as the structural frame of the hospital's seven-story addition is completed. A topping out ceremony will be held to mark the placement of the last steel girder needed at the top of the addition to finish the frame.
- Representatives of the Army Corps of Engineers will provide updates on the next phase of construction, which is expected to more than double the number of construction workers on site to approximately 500. This will increase the pace of construction as the project moves toward its completion deadline in 2011.
- WHEN:** **Thursday, February 25**  
10 a.m. until 1 p.m. (Ceremony scheduled to begin at 11 a.m.)
- WHERE:** Construction site adjacent to Brooke Army Medical Center  
(To access the site: From I-35 North, take the Brooke Army Medical Center exit; turn left at George Beach; turn left onto the access road; the construction entrance is along the access road to the right, just before the intersection with Binz-Engleman)
- VISUALS:** A steel beam with ceremonial coins affixed to one side will be lifted by a crane approximately seven stories off the ground and positioned atop the structure's frame.
- WHO:** -Col. Richard Muraski, Commander of the Fort Worth District, Army Corps of Engineers  
-Sid Jordan, CEO Northern/Southern Region, Clark Construction
- NOTES:** The completion of the structural steel frame allows the project's focus to shift toward finishing exterior walls, plumbing and electrical components. The seven-story addition will expand BAMC by approximately 760,000 square feet and provide space for 200 more beds, a Level 1 trauma center, operating rooms, clinical and administrative space, and an extension of BAMC's internationally acclaimed burn center.

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